

What educators say about the programs and workshops:



"Getting to do the activities was a great way for us to know how to plan and execute the lessons. I honestly can't wait to use them!"

"Showing students how important nature is, and how we need to educate ourselves about how to protect it" was the greatest value of the workshop.

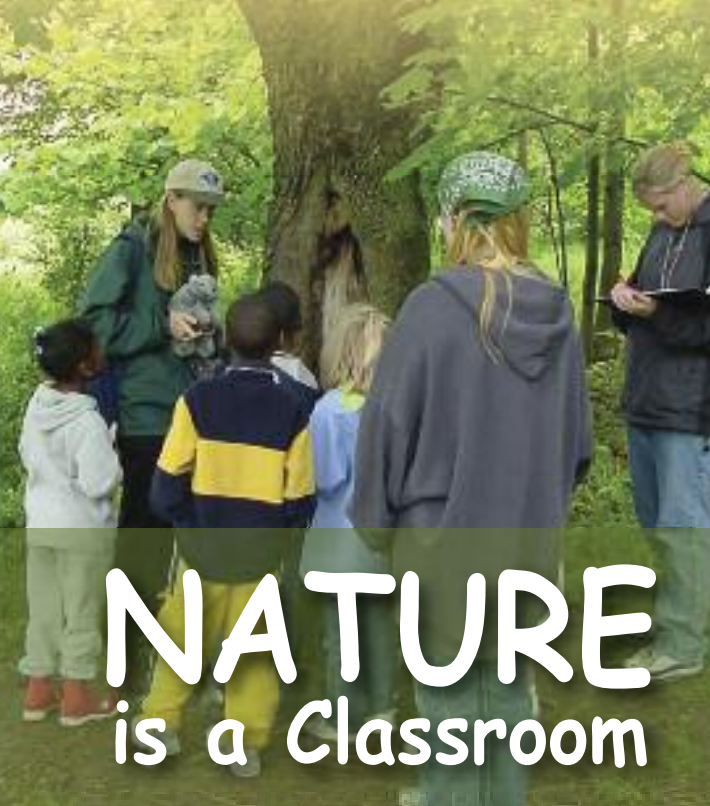


"Our (workshop) facilitator was really great. She had wonderful ideas and activities to share with us and was very interested in what she was teaching us."

"I feel empowered again, as a result of this class, to practice and pass on the personal responsibility as stewards of this land and water."



The workshop, "incorporated a variety of subjects and was always engaging."



NATURE is a Classroom

Start exploring with...

Wisconsin's Project Learning Tree, Project WILD and Project WET!

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Project Learning Tree, Project WILD and Project WET will help you teach with confidence about the world around you.

These award-winning preK-12 environmental education materials provide all of the background you'll need to integrate hands-on, multidisciplinary, nature-based activities into your curriculum or program. Nature is a fantastic avenue to teach all subjects in exciting and fun ways.

All three programs:

- are teacher tested and affordable, high-quality professional development
- explore environmental concepts in fair and balanced ways
- meet the needs of various learning styles
- can be integrated into your existing curriculum or program
- connect to Common Core Standards
- contain service learning components
- teach students to be critical thinkers about our environment



Wisconsin
Project **WILD**





How big is the biggest tree in your schoolyard? What changes does the tree out your window go through? Why do forest animals try to blend into their surroundings?



Trees, birds, soil, ecosystems...forests are truly a window into the world around us. **Project Learning Tree (PLT)** is a preK–12th grade national environmental education program that focuses on forests to explore the world around us.

Project Learning Tree's curriculum and activity guides, for early childhood, preK–8th grade, and secondary grades, lead teachers and their students into the woods **with nearly 100 multidisciplinary activities**. Activities explore the natural themes of diversity, interrelationships, systems, structure and scale, and patterns of change while teaching core concepts in math, science, language arts, social studies, environmental education, and fine arts.

PLT's Environmental Experiences for Early Childhood guide encourages children to explore, discover, and communicate in expressive ways, and provides an introduction to environmental education at a key developmental period in children's lives. Developed with preschool educators and early childhood specialists, the guide is designed for educators who work with children ages 3 to 6. Topics include exploring nature with five senses, meeting neighborhood trees, and experiencing trees through the seasons. An accompanying **music CD** encourages children to sing, dance, and move.

Participants in a PLT workshop will experience activities from the guide(s), share ideas and experiences with fellow educators, and receive the activity guide plus a wealth of Wisconsin-based supplementary materials to help localize the PLT lessons.

- Environmental Experiences Early Childhood Activity Guide
- PreK–8 Environmental Education Activity Guide
- Secondary Modules (Grades 9–12)



What is habitat? How do human decisions affect the wildlife around us? Why do some animals have feathers while others have scales?



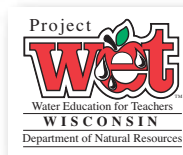
Children have a natural interest in animals. **Project WILD** uses this fascination as a hook to lead students towards an awareness of and appreciation for the world around us.

With over 150 wildlife-based activities, this national environmental education program provides lessons that demonstrate important concepts about the animals we share our communities with while teaching social studies, language arts, math, science, fine arts, and environmental education concepts.

The themes of habitat, ecosystems and niches, interdependence, changes and adaptations, biodiversity, human dimensions, wildlife issues and trends, and wildlife conservation divide the activities in the two K–12th grade activity guides. The primary **Project WILD guide** focuses on terrestrial wildlife, while the **Project WILD Aquatic guide** looks at the wildlife that call our ponds, streams, wetlands, lakes, rivers and oceans home.

If you attend a Project WILD workshop, you will spend time both indoors and out, participating in many activities from both guides while sharing teaching strategies with fellow participants and learning how to choose lessons from the book that will meet your audiences' needs. At the end of the workshop you will receive the Project WILD guides and a bounty of supplementary materials that will help you make all WILD lessons specific to Wisconsin.

- Project WILD K–12 Curriculum and Activity Guide
- Project WILD Aquatic K–12 Curriculum and Activity Guide
- Science and Civics: Sustaining Wildlife (Grades 9–12)



Where does water go when it seeps into the ground? What is a watershed? How do rain gardens help improve nearby water quality?

Water surrounds us in Wisconsin—hundreds of miles of streams, thousands of lakes, acres of wetlands, giant aquifers beneath our feet, and shoreline on two of the greatest lakes in the world.



Project WET uses over 90 hands-on activities to guide students in discovering more about how water functions in their lives and what they can do to protect it. Project WET encourages students to become stewards of water while learning math, science, social studies, language arts, and environmental education lessons. The **K–12th grade guidebook** is divided into topics covering water's chemical and physical properties, water systems, water quantity and quality issues, water management, and the societal and cultural connections people have to water around the world.

Participants in a Project WET workshop will have their brains and bodies actively engaged in water learning—and may leave the workshop with their sleeves damp and their minds racing. They will also leave the workshop with the Project WET guide and a bucket full of supplementary materials to help illustrate water lessons in Wisconsin.

- Project WET K–12 Curriculum and Activity Guide

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How do you get these materials?

ATTEND A WORKSHOP!

PLT, WILD, and WET are only available through affordable, facilitated workshops held year-round throughout the state. Workshops in one Project or combined Projects are available.



Check for upcoming workshops online:
dnr.wi.gov/education/pltwildwet/
OR host a particular group of educators and we'll bring a workshop to you!
Call (608) 264-6280 for details.

At a workshop you will...

- participate in hands-on activities from the guides
- learn how to integrate environmental education into your existing curriculum
- expand your knowledge of Wisconsin's natural resources
- receive PLT, WILD, and/or WET activity guides
- share ideas with other educators
- meet professional development goals
- receive Wisconsin-specific materials that will help you tie the lessons to Wisconsin's natural resources
- HAVE FUN!

